

**Regular Council Meeting
June 14, 2011**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of May 26, 2011, as presented, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. Special use permit – 4th Annual AGLA Bass Tournament

Councilwoman Brannon approved the special event permit for the 4th Annual AGLA Bass Tournament being held at the Marina Village on behalf of the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

A. Tank Maintenance agreement (Old Business item #1)

Attorney Adkinson stated that upon review of the advertisement for proposals, his recommendation was for council to reject all bids (only one received) and authorize re-advertising of the project. His review indicated that council did not originally approve the advertisement for bids, and he had some concerns with the specifications and the listing of specific products to use.

Lengthy discussion continued with council, attorney and Cliff Knauer, representing Preble-Rish including the discussion points:

- Concern of the cost over a 10 year period
- Breakdown of maintenance items and cost of a 5 year period vs a 10 year period – Councilman King had originally requested it be spaced out to insure each tank was painted during the 10 year time period
- This type of agreement was pretty standard with most of the major water systems in the area
- Writing of the original request for proposals using specific paint products that may/may not have affected additional contractors from submitting a proposal

- Concern of same organization making the recommendations of maintenance items and doing the maintenance work
- Engineering firms that were qualified and/or able to perform tank inspections

Councilman King motioned to reject the proposal received by US Tanks for the tank maintenance agreement, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Councilman King motioned to authorize the City's engineer to inspect all tanks, draw up a recommended maintenance schedule and request for proposals, and to advertise for proposals for a tank maintenance agreement, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Fire Department Report

Clerk Haynes requested approval to authorize the purchase of fire equipment and gear that would be reimbursed with the received FEMA grant funds. Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the purchases, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

Jody Solomon, representing Praestare Engineering, provided a written update on current City projects. There were no questions or discussion on the items.

Cliff Knauer, representing Preble-Rish, updated council on the status of the design for Wagon Wheel Road well improvements and the Freeport Regional Sports Complex energy grant electrical layouts and photo cells.

IV. Old Business

- 1. Tank Maintenance Agreement (Discussed under legal report)**
- 2. Request extension of NWFWD grant agreement**

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve authorizing the Mayor to request an extension on the NWFWD grant agreement, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

- 1. Waiver of impact fee/North Bay water extension**

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve a reduction of the \$750.00 impact fee for North Bay water extension customers for 90 days, for single family residential lots, to encourage additional connections to the system, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in orders, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse assigned departments to the council members: Councilman Taunton will be over the fire department, Councilman Simmons over the parks and recreation, Councilman King over the water department, Councilman Jackson over the sewer department and Councilwoman Brannon over “everything else”.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

Scarlett Phaneuf informed the council that earlier in the day, the Walton County Economic Development Alliance by-laws were re-written, basically reducing the number of board member from 21 to 7. She will update council as new developments occur.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President